

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

As you make your decisions on how the LEC's and the ISP should interface in the DSL marketplace please consider the following..

In SBC/Ameritech land an ISP cannot purchase a dry/pair circuit, provide their own DSL equipment and provide an economical service for the end user. SBC won't sell us the circuit. We are forced by to purchase their solution. Their solution to this point has proved to be unreliable and needlessly expensive.

Why should we be saddled with their technology choices? If we want to purchase better DSLAMS and offer better service why shouldn't we be able to ? Its not their business what we do with the wires (should we be able to rent them..)

From the experiences of ISP's, (shared via mailing lists), the only conclusion that a reasonable person can reach is that the LEC's have made a business decision not to do a good job of rolling out DSL until they are the only player in town...

examples include missed install dates, wrong information from installers, and on and on...

Our experiences with the LEC technical folks have always been good until it involves DSL or other CLEC services.. There has obviously been a decision made to stall until they can convince the FCC and Congress that the only way to succeed is to give them back their monopoly..

Please don't be convinced by their lobbying and money...

The big guys want to be the only game in town.. they liked that world.. it was easy for them.. they didn't have to compete..

At the least, they should be required to split their wholesale and retail, that would go a long way toward solving the problem when the retail market realizes they can't survive on the margins offered by the wholesale entity..

Sincerely,

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